

Every Media format which has come out in the past has had this sort of squabbling by those on high for the right to restrict based on copyright. Every time, VCR's, CD's etc... they have properly been corrected that their market exists for the public good and the right of the public to keep what it pays to view, see or listen to is maintained. If you play it on the radio, I can record it, analog, digital etc... The same is true for any other future form of media such as HDTV. The right of the few to charge for the right to record is nothing but an attempt to empower a pay-per-view society upon us all. It's simple business, if they want the customers, they must provide materials the customers wish to view and be willing to give them over to the public for their own legal non-saling use at home. This is the point of government. These companies must compete on the market by providing better services and products to the public. This is the reason for the FCC's regulation... to insure the public good is maximized by the profits of the private industries.

You destroy competition by placing a "copyright" upon the right of the citizen to record what comes across their HDTV systems. You insure a pay per view world in which only the fattest pockets will get the releases with which to send to the homes pay per view wise. How many competitors are too few...? We all know that the more competitor's you have the better the final product to the public and the more on it's toes the private sector must be to remain competitive. This is the best outcome for all! Control only leads to abuse. Look at DSL verses Cable on Broadband. DSL can now be gotten for 30 dollars or less Cable requires 45 dollars and does not guarantee even a minimum bandwidth in many cases. For Time Warner you have to pay 55 dollars for such ungauranteed broadband capacity if you DON'T use at least Time Warner's Basic Cable. Don't dare go satellite. You must level the playing fields and keep them that way. Please resist this sort of lobbyist pushing for control by the few and powerful to strangle the purpose from your hands.

The Public needs competition from all to insure it's safety in the market from oligarchical or monopolistic abuses which 'fit' within some almost legal precedent (if you put the right blinders on). Law is meant for the purpose of public Improvement. ALWAYS! That which is best for the Public at large is 99.9% of the time Best for the Nation entire as well. Do you want your citizens to spend their dollars on media products to the tune of half a days work every night, or do you want them to use those hard earned dollars to improve their lot and their children's lot and pull this nation forward. The goal must always be what's best for the people and this nation. This is niether.